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SUBJECT: KUWAITI ARMS PURCHASES

REF.: KUWAIT 2046

1. DEP ASST SECY SOBER'S RECOLLECTION OF MENTION OF
POSSIBLE SALE OF CHIEFTAIN TANKS TO KUWAIT DURING US-UK
TALKS IN LONDON LAST MONTH DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM REPORT IN
REFTEL. WHEN U.K. SIDE BROUGHT UP THEIR CONTINUING
NEGOTIATIONS, SOBER RESPONDED THAT WE WERE NOT OURSELVES
SEEKING TO SELL TANKS IN KUWAIT AND IN FACT OUR OWN
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AVAILABILITY OF NEW TANKS WILL BE LIMITED FOR SOME TIME.

INTENT WAS TO LET U.K. KNOW WE WERE NOT IN COMPETITION
ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT. SOBER DID NOT, HOWEVER, STATE
THAT USG ACTUALLY "SUPPORTED" GOK PURCHASE OF CHIEFTAIN.
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